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## Satellite Celebrates 1st Anniversary Aloft

Echo I, a special balloon made of an aluminum plastic material thinner than onion skin, celebrated its first anniversary aloft recently when it crossed the equator for the 4,881st time.

Demonstrating the feasibility of satellite communications for the first time, voice broadcasts, telephone conversations, facsimile photographs, and data messages were carried back and forth across the continent with Echo—traveling 16,000 miles an hour about 1,000 miles above the earth—serving as a backhaul for radio signals.

Although its surface is wrinkled—something like the skin of a dried prune—and its effective diameter is down from 100 feet to about 70 feet, the satellite is still being used as an efficient radio reflector.

DURING THE YEAR, Echo has suffered a net loss in altitude of only 34 miles from its original 1,000. It has a minimum predicted life of two more years.

Echo was directed into nearly perfect orbit by a command guidance system developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Since then, progress, based in great part on Echo's performance, has been so rapid that satellite communications have moved near the day of commercial application.

The Bell System and NASA recently signed an agreement for the launching of at least two experimental "active" satellites. Under its terms, the Bell System will develop the satellite and pay for rocket and launching costs. NASA will provide for the availability of the vehicle and launching facilities.

ALTHOUGH OBSTACLES to the performance of a passive satellite like Echo—where the satellite simply serves as a reflecting surface—were overcome, an "active" satellite, with built-in electronic equipment, forms the nucleus of the space communication system proposed by the Bell System.

All new systems, however, will

have to give precedence to their formerer, Echo I, the passometer which has survived a fruitful year in space and can look forward to at least two more birthdays aloft.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**Howlett, Hartman & Bator, Attorneys at Law, 1001 Pontiac State Bank Building, Pontiac 15, Michigan**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT G. REED, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1961.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

There M. Reed, Executor of said estate having filed in said Court her Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof; the determination of the legal heirs of said decedent; assignment of the residue of said estate; and the discharge of said Executor.

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of September, A. D. 1961, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

And it is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 23, 24, 25

**John E. Martz, Attorney, 227 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Mich.**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1961.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of ELLA R. HENRY, Deceased.

Arson V. Dennis having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said decedent, and that administration of said estate be granted to Arson V. Dennis, the executor named in the Will or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said decedent.

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of September, A. D. 1961, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proposition cause receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees, their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 23, 24, 25

**Walter R. Denton, Attorney, 1101 Pontiac State Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan 78181**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1961.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM TIBBS, Deceased.

Hattie Tibbs having filed in said Court a petition praying that an instrument of said estate be granted to Robert Tibbs, as the executor named in the Will or for determination of the legal heirs of said decedent.

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of September, A. D. 1961, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

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ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 23, 24, 25

**Clarence W. Blumstein, Attorney at Law, Briggs Building, Birmingham, Michigan 78131**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1961.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH M. STOWELL, Deceased.

Warner L. Stowell having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said decedent, and that administration of said estate be granted to petitioner, the executor named in said Will, or to some

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